

DOCKWALKER

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"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." ~ Jane Goodall

Thank you for your help and support conducting face-to-face clean boating education, Dockwalking. **We are making a big difference in the health of our waters!**

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Dockwalker Highlights



Meet Quindy Sammler & Laurence Boag!

Quindy and Laurence are US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They have been Dockwalking at the West Marine store and marinas in Alameda. They incorporate both clean boating education and Vessel Safety Checks to get the most exposure from boaters. Quindy shared the following:

"The first step to a clean environment is education and doing the Dockwalker program is a great way to instill knowledge in the minds of boaters and the public in general. This, in turn, may create positive behaviors that may also help to impact the environment in a positive manner."

Meet Sharron Bolden, Jeffrey Pleskus, & Debbie J. Davis!

Sharron, Jeffrey, and Debbie work for Cabrillo Isle Marina in San Diego. They are combining the Dockwalker Program with their marina operations and work with boaters as partners in their clean marina effort.

"We had a Bay Clean Up event in May for our marina members. The marina gave away the boater kits with stainless steel drinking straws. We also give these kits out to our new members after they complete the survey. We make sure that we educate boaters on the wrong answers, although they are sometimes very knowledgeable with the laws in our waterways. They seem to really enjoy the boater kits. We like having the kits, it is a great way to educate our boating community."



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Meet Doug Sherman!

Doug is an instructor with the San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron, located in the Stockton area. The Squadron conducts the America's Boating Course for boaters in the area combining it with the Dockwalker program. Doug is also an instructor for the Jump Start Program for new boat owners. This one-on-one training includes a review of the Dockwalker information, a California Boater Kit including clean boating information related to sewage and best oil management practices and focuses on all aspects of safe boat operations such as maneuvering, communications, navigation, knots, lines, and much more.



Program Expectations

- 1.) **Educate, educate, and educate!** Always conduct face-to-face boater education when talking to boaters by going over the **main clean boating information** you learned during the training class. **The quality of your face-to-face educational effort (Dockwalking) is more important than the quantity of boater kits distributed.**
- 2.) **Distribute the boater kits in a responsible way! You are responsible for the kits you received.** Ensure that kits are used in a manner consistent with the Program by focusing on the primary messages that are targeted by materials in the kit. Do not distribute the kits without conducting face-to-face education.

- 3.) **Conduct and Collect the Boater Survey before releasing the Boater Kit!**

Out of Boater Kits? Contact:

- Vivian Matuk at vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov if you are located in **Northern California**.
- Kim Riley at kriley@santamonica.org if you are located in **Southern California**.

If you can't distribute your kits, let us know, so we can share them with other Dockwalkers.

- 4.) **Send in your completed 2019 Boater Questionnaires by OCTOBER 28TH, 2019!** Either mail them to the address found on the back of the questionnaire, fax them to (415) 904-5216, **OR** scan and email them to vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov. Please be sure to **recycle** the questionnaires if the physical copies are not sent to Vivian.

Share your Dockwalking Experience via this Newsletter

We want to highlight your efforts with other Partner Dockwalkers!

Contact Vivian Matuk (vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov) and send her a short summary of your experience so far! Have photos? That's even better, please send them our way!

Learn about what other Dockwalkers are saying about the Program by checking out some of their great [videos](#).